Revenue earnings during the Current Year

1271. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government were able to increase the revenue earnings during the current financial year as compared to that of the last year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Total net revenue earning during the current financial year upto October, 1999 is Rs. 82,793 crores as compared to Rs. 73,140 crores for the corresponding period during the last year.

Excise Duty Evasion by PSUs

1272. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many PSUs have also been evading excise duty on their different products; and

(b) if so, the names of PSUs and the details of violation of excise duty laws done during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

Permission to International Chain Stores to operate in the country

1273. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow international chain stores to operate in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;